



Field Sparrow
by John Schmitt

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology presents

SPRING FIELD ORNITHOLOGY

Learn about the birds in the
Cayuga Lake area!

March 26–May 18, 2003

This eight-week, noncredit course teaches beginning bird watchers how to identify the birds of the Cayuga Lake region. You'll also learn about their natural history and fascinating behaviors.

Wednesday evening lectures are given by Dr. Stephen W. Kress and other Lab staff. Optional weekend field trips are led by Kress and a flock of experienced birders. Enrollment is limited to ensure small field groups. *Cornell students may be able to take the course for one credit per section (as BIO G 200) if they enroll prior to February 7, 2003. Please pick up a form in 216 Stimson Hall and/or contact Bonnie Comella from the Office of Undergraduate Biology at 607-255-5233 for details.*

Wednesday evening lectures cover the identification, life histories, and behavior of spring migrants and resident birds in the Cayuga Lake area. Color slides, audio recordings, and video presentations are regular features.

Saturday or Sunday (student's choice) field trips visit local habitats from Sapsucker Woods to the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. **For an additional cost**, students may also choose to participate in optional overnight field trips to Arnot Forest in Van Etten, New York, and/or to Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge in southern New Jersey (formerly Brigantine NWR), offered toward the end of the course. A complete course schedule appears on the back of this sheet.

BECAUSE THIS COURSE IS VERY POPULAR, SPACE IS LIMITED! This is a special year for the course, as SFO will be the first event held in the *NEW* Lab of Ornithology building. In order to reserve *your* space as a student, register either in person; via the Internet at the course web site address <<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/sfo>>; via telephone by calling course coordinator Terry Mingle at 607-254-2452 (or, for people who reside outside of the Ithaca, NY area, call us *TOLL-FREE* at 800-843-2473); or by mailing the top half of the form on the back of this sheet (with your payment) to:



Spring Field Ornithology
Cornell Lab of Ornithology
159 Sapsucker Woods Road
Ithaca, NY 14850-1999

COURSE FEES

Wednesday lectures <i>ONLY</i> :	\$105*
Saturday/Sunday field trips <i>ONLY</i> :	\$105*
BOTH lectures and field trips:	\$195*
Lectures, local, AND special field trips:	\$380*

**Discounts are available for Cornell Lab of Ornithology members, staff, and volunteers. See reverse for details.*



Spring Field Ornithology 2003 Registration Form (please print)

Name(s) _____

Mailing address _____

Lab I.D. number (if known) _____ Daytime phone _____

E-mail address _____

Where did you hear about the class/obtain this notice? _____

Enroll me in	Non-member	Member*	New Member**	# of People	TOTAL
Lectures only	\$105	\$ 95	\$130	_____	\$ _____
Field trips only	\$105	\$ 95	\$130	_____	\$ _____
BOTH sections	\$195	\$175	\$210	_____	\$ _____
BOTH + spec. trips	\$380	\$360	\$395	_____	\$ _____

*Lab members receive a 10% discount. **New member rate includes a discount fee, plus a \$35.00 (one-year) Lab membership. Benefits of Lab membership include a one-year subscription to Living Bird magazine and Birdscope newsletter, as well as 10% discounts on our Home Study Course in Bird Biology (Chapter 2 was authored by Dr. Kress), and purchases made at the Wild Birds Unlimited at Sapsucker Woods store located inside the Lab of Ornithology. Please make your enrollment check payable to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology—SFO and mail to the address listed on the front of this flyer.

Please charge my fee to credit card number _____ Exp. date _____

Cardholder signature _____ ☐ Visa ☐ M/C ☐ Discover

*Please select the weekend day you will attend field trips on: ☐ Saturday **OR** ☐ Sunday (choose ONE only)

My skill level for bird identification is: ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

☐ I can drive for some of the field trips. My car holds _____ passengers (in addition to myself).

Course Schedule



Lectures Section

Wednesdays, 7:30–9:30PM, at the NEW Lab of Ornithology on Sapsucker Woods Road in Ithaca, NY. **PLEASE NOTE:** ALL of the (optional) 1 hr. video presentations will begin at 6:30PM.

- March 26 How to identify birds and use binoculars; winter landbird residents—*please bring binoculars and a field guide* (No video)
- April 2 Waterfowl identification; bird song & courtship; Video: *A Celebration of Birds with Roger Tory Peterson*
- April 9 Early landbird migrants; *The use of bird collections for research: Wing snapping in manakins—a case study* (Guest speaker Dr. Kimberly Bostwick); Videos: *Banquet at Delaware Bay*, and *Returning Home: Bringing the Common Murre Back to Devil's Slide Rock*
- April 16 Hawk & Owl identification; nesting habits; Video: *Hawk Watch: A Video Guide to Eastern Raptors*
- April 23 Late landbird migrants; bird migration; Video: *The Life of Birds—Limits of Endurance with Sir David Attenborough*
- April 30 Seabird conservation; songbird conservation (Guest speaker Dr. Kenneth Rosenberg); Video: *Fish Out of Water*
- May 7 Warbler and vireo identification; gardening for birds; Video: *Watching Warblers*
- May 14 Citizen Science (Guest speaker Ron Rohrbaugh); Multimedia presentation: *Flame Birds and Other Tropical Delights* (by Dr. Kress)

Field Trips Section

Saturday or Sunday trips (student's choice), dates and times as noted below. Please bring a pair of binoculars and a field guide to all outings. Meet inside at the NEW Lab of Ornithology on Sapsucker Woods Road in Ithaca, NY.

- March 29, 30 7–11AM, Sapsucker Woods vicinity
- April 5, 6 7AM–4PM Cayuga Lake/Montezuma NWR
OR 7–11AM, local trip
- April 12, 13 7–11AM, local wetlands
- April 15 (only) TUESDAY, 7:15PM, woodcock/owl watch
- April 19, 20 7AM–2PM Derby Hill Hawk Watch
OR 7–11AM, local trip
- April 26, 27 7–11AM, local upland habitats
- May 3, 4 7–11AM, local upland habitats
- May 10, 11 Special Forsythe NWR overnight field trip to Oceanville, NJ, and Delaware Bay areas (Students depart Lab at 6AM on May 10th and return to Lab at 9:30PM on May 11th)
OR May 10th or 11th only: 7–11AM, local trip
- May 17, 18 Special Arnot Forest overnight field trip (Students arrive between 4-5PM at Arnot Forest on May 17th; leave at 11AM on May 18th)
OR May 17th or 18th only: 7–11AM, local trip (**NOTE:** The local trip for Sunday the 18th will meet AT THE ARNOT FOREST LODGE at 7AM)

NOTE: Participants should have their own binoculars (spotting scopes are helpful, but not necessary), as well as a recent edition of one of the following field guides (which are available at most book stores as well as at *Wild Birds Unlimited* at Sapsucker Woods): *A Field Guide to Eastern Birds* by Roger Tory Peterson, *Birds of North America* by Robbins, et al., or the National Geographic Society's *Field Guide to the Birds of North America*. **PLEASE BRING BINOCULARS AND A FIELD GUIDE TO THE FIRST LECTURE, AS WELL AS ON ALL FIELD TRIPS.**